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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/790,368	SRINIVASAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	MARY STEELMAN	2191	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/30/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to Claim and Specification Amendments, Remarks and Replacement Sheet Drawings FIGs. 1-10 received 08/30/2007. Per Applicant' request, claims 1-5, and 7-20 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are pending. Per Applicant's request, the Specification has been amended. The Abstract has been replaced.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael W. Piper, Reg. No. 39,800 on 09/27/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 16, the last limitation should be amended to include 'for display', as follows:

Selecting for display at least one of the plurality of business activities mapped to at least one of the plurality of software use case level.

3. Additionally, the **Abstract** is amended to as follows:

ABSTRACT

A system for building software use cases and related state diagrams based on a model of business activities is provided. The system comprises the model of business activities and a computer based modeling tool that is used to compose the use cases and the related state diagrams. The system includes an integration component, which maps the business activities to use cases, and a graphical user interface, which illustrates the relationships among [uses] use cases and the relationships between use cases and business requirements. A state diagram component maps business activities to assist in the preparation of state activity diagrams. The model of business activities enumerates business activities and associates each business activity with the business domain in which the business activity is normally conducted. The integration component provides a list of selectable business activities to the graphical user interface from which to compose use cases and state activity diagrams.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As noted by Applicant, on page 25 and 26 of Remarks, regarding independent claim 1 (and similarly recited in independent claims 11 & 16), Barnes, Kelly, Gonzalez, or other cited prior art, fails to disclose:

“mapping the plurality of business activities from the hierarchical relationship to a software use case hierarchical relationship, wherein the software use case hierarchical relationship includes a plurality of software use case levels, and wherein each of the plurality of business activities corresponds to one of the plurality of software use case levels”

when taken in the context of the claims as a whole. Moreover, evidence for modifying the prior art teachings, by one of ordinary skill level in the art, was not uncovered so as to result in the invention.

Thus, all remaining dependent claims, claims 2-10, 12-15, and 17-20, are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary Steelman, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3704. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen can be reached at (571) 272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned: 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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